State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety
Prisoner Transportation
Component Budget Summary

Component: Prisoner Transportation

Contribution to Department's Mission

Preserve public peace; protect life, property, and resources.

Core Services

- Transport prisoners needing pre-arraignment and post-arraignment escort, as well as convicted prisoners between in-state facilities and out-of-state prisons.
- Coordinate transport of prisoners using the services of state troopers, municipal police officers, and court services officers.

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results				
FY2010 Component Budget: \$1,954,200	Personnel: Full time	0		
	Part time	0		
	Total	0		

Key Component Challenges

In the past three years, prisoner transport volumes have increased six percent annually on average, statewide. If this trend continues, over 70,000 prisoner transports will occur in FY2009.

The prisoner transport volume for Anchorage Judicial Services (JS) exceeded 18 percent growth from FY2006 to FY2008. The unit moved 28,381 prisoners in 2006 and 34,586 in FY2008. Additionally, Anchorage JS stations two court services officers for security in the courtroom located at the Anchorage jail, 1.3 miles away from the courthouse. This continuing requirement means two officers are tied up there for the entire day, further stretching available resources. In Anchorage and elsewhere, family court hearings have increased significantly and so too the resulting increase in court security requests. Officers in Anchorage are monitoring domestic violence hearings on a daily basis. These hearing increases adversely affect building security officer availability.

Litigation between DPS and the Municipality of Anchorage has been resolved with a plan for the state to take over from the Anchorage Police Department the transport of municipal prisoners from the Anchorage jails to the Anchorage courts. This change is taking effect in FY2009. The six additional CSO positions added to complete the tasks formerly handled by Anchorage police officers will complete their training by December 2008.

Prisoner transportation costs increase with air and ground transportation costs. New airport security measures have increased the time required to facilitate these transports, thus increasing the expense. The increase in the number of prisoners compounds the increases in transportation costs. The department has put in practice numerous cost saving procedures, but most of these costs are out of the department's control. The Alaska Court System and the DOC make the decisions to transport prisoners. The DOC is under mandate by the courts to limit the number of inmates at all institutions, which often requires DPS' help to balance the inmate population among different institutions.

Although the Kotzebue jail has reopened, because prisoners cannot be housed there for longer than 20 days, there is still a significant need for transports to Nome's Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. This imposes a significant burden on both the Nome and Kotzebue trooper posts to provide inter-facility escorts several times each week. The Dillingham and Kodiak jails are constantly filled to capacity. Transports to alleviate this overcrowding occur nearly

every week.

The Alaska Court System continues to expand its infrastructure and add courtrooms. Each additional courtroom represents additional prisoner transports, court process, and court security needs. In addition to new courtrooms added in elsewhere in recent years, new courtrooms are planned in Anchorage, Kenai, and Palmer this year.

The process of filling normal vacancies exceeds six months when considering recruitment, background investigation, and training. Additionally, some CSOs are reaching retirement eligibility, which will necessitate additional recruitment. Nonetheless, staffing increases represent a significant step forward.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

AST will continue to see the number of prisoner moves increase by four to seven percent every year. AST's expectation is to continue to provide prisoner moves with zero escapes.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

The Alaska State Troopers moved 67,750 prisoners in FY2008. The number of prisoners moved has increased 2 percent over FY2007, 5 percent over FY2006, 12 percent over FY2005, and 18 percent over FY2004.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

DPS-Powers and duties of department (AS 44.41.020)

State Troopers (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.110)

Police Protection (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.790)

Law enforcement duties (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.086)

Controlled Substances (AS 11.71.010 - AS 11.71.900)

Judicial Services (AS 22.20.100 - AS 22.20.140)

Prisoner Transportation (AS 33.30.071 and AS 33.30.081)

Search & Rescue (AS 18.60.120 - AS 18.60.175)

Village Public Safety Officer Definition (AS 01.10.060(c)(7)(C))

VPSO Program (AS 18.65.670)

VPSO Regulations (13 AAC 96.010-900)

Concealed Handgun Permits (AS 18.65.700)

Security Guard Licensing (AS 18.65.400 - AS 18.65.410)

Sex Offender Registration (AS 12.63.010 - AS 12.63.100)

Central Registry of Sex Offenders (AS 18.65.087)

Department to assist other agencies (AS 18.65.090)

Document and disseminate information regarding homicides (AS 44.41.040)

Document and investigate missing persons (AS 18.65.610)

Investigate fires resulting from crimes (AS 18.70.030)

Investigate sexual assault and child exploitation (AS 18.65.086)

DUI Forfeiture Requirements (AS 28.35.036-.037)

DPS DNA collection and registration requirements (AS 44.41.035)

Duty of Law Enforcement to Provide VCCB information (AS 18.67.175)

Rights of Crime Victims to be notified orally and in writing by Law Enforcement (AS 12.61.010)

Aeronautics (AS 02)

Criminal (AS 11)

Environment (AS 46)

Fish & Game (AS 16)

Fish & Game (5 AAC)

Guide/Outfitting (12 AAC)

Guide/Outfitting (AS 08)

Health & Safety (AS 18)

Limited Entry (20 AAC)

State Government (AS 44)

Training (13 AAC 85)

Training (AS 44.41.020(a))

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Comp	oonent Financial Sur		dollars shown in thousands
	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	1,956.3	1,648.3	1,673.3
73000 Services	[′] 319.8	270.9	270.9
74000 Commodities	14.4	10.0	10.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	2,290.5	1,929.2	1,954.2
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	2,207.6	1,884.2	1,884.2
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	77.0	45.0	70.0
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	5.9	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	2,290.5	1,929.2	1,954.2

Estimated Revenue Collections						
Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor		
Unrestricted Revenues						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0		
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0		
Restricted Revenues						
Interagency Receipts	51015	77.0	45.0	70.0		
Statutory Designated Program Receipts	51063	5.9	0.0	0.0		
Restricted Total		82.9	45.0	70.0		
Total Estimated Revenues	3	82.9	45.0	70.0		

Summary of Component Budget Changes From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor All dollars shown in thousands **General Funds Federal Funds** Other Funds **Total Funds** 1,884.2 FY2009 Management Plan 0.0 45.0 1,929.2 Adjustments which will continue current level of service: -Transfer interagency receipts for 0.0 0.0 25.0 25.0 Title 47 prisoner transports from AWT to Prisoner Transportation 70.0 FY2010 Governor 1,884.2 0.0 1,954.2